

REMARKS

Claims 1-34, and 37- 45 are all the claims pending in the application, claims 35 and 36 having been canceled in the present amendment.

On June 17, 2004, Applicant's representative, Blake A. O'Neill, discussed with the Examiner via telephone the June 10, 2004, Advisory Action. The Advisory Action indicated that Applicant's Amendment, which was submitted on May 21, 2004, was not entered. During the telephone conference with the Examiner, Applicant explained that the Amendment should indeed be entered since the amended claims do not require any further consideration or search. The Examiner agreed and indicated that he would enter the Amendment.


Applicant further noted that they were considering canceling claims 35 and 36 in an effort to expedite the issuance of the present application. The Examiner indicated that such action would likely place this application in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment submitted on May 21, 2004, as well as the present Amendment in which claims 35 and 36 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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